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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Protecting And Merging A Head Stack Assembly Of A Data Storage Device

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



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Supplemental Sheet

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(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified application,  
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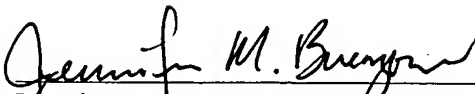
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